

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MARIE-CLAUDE GINGRAS, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BELYAVSKYI
SERIAL NO: 10/021,509 :
FILED: DECEMBER 7, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1644
FOR: TREM-1 SPLICE VARIANT FOR :
USE IN MODIFYING IMMUNE
RESPONSES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

This request for continued examination is submitted within the two month period in response to the Decision on Request for Rehearing (DRR) dated November 5, 2008. The Applicants wish to submit new amendments in order to meet the requirements of the objections affirmed in the DRR. This request presents the remaining objections in this application after the DRR, the new amendments and relevant clarifications and explanations.

REAL PARTY OF INTEREST

The real party of interest herein is GenePrint Corporation, Houston, Texas.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

TREM-1 is a receptor of activation on macrophages. TREM-1 includes a soluble extracellular domain and a hydrophobic transmembrane domain (see Fig. 1) that when